

(b) In respect of the conduct of 1,348 cases of grave offences reported in the year 1100, did the Government find themselves faced with the necessity of indenting upon the services of private vakils?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) No private vakil was appointed to conduct any sessions case in 1100.

Cases conducted by Sirkar Vakils.

364. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the percentage of success in cases conducted by each of the Sirkar Vakils on behalf of the Government?

(b) Will they also be pleased to furnish similar information in respect of cases conducted by each of them on behalf of parties other than the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) It is not possible to furnish the information unless a definite period is indicated.

(b) The Government have no information.

The Devolution Officer.

365. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Has the Devolution Officer, Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai, submitted his report to the Government?

(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table?

(3) Is it a fact that the system of accounts pursued by the State has no place for the audit of the incomes or revenues of the State?

(4) Has there been any audit of the incomes of the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Devolution Officer has submitted his proposals part by part. His report on the audit of receipts has not yet been received.

(2) The question will be considered after the report is received and examined.

(3) There is no audit of revenue by a central agency. But, according to the system prevailing, departmental controlling officers are required to see that all revenue due is realised and that all realisations are brought to account and remitted into a Government treasury.

(4) The outside audit staff of the Account Office check either in full or partially the receipts of the offices which they periodically inspect.

Audit of Revenue Receipts.

366. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether there is any system of audit of revenue receipts in this State;

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(2) whether the Devolution Officer has submitted a report to the Government suggesting the necessity for such a system here;

(3) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of that report; and

(4) whether they have considered this question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) to (4). The Member is referred to the answers to interpellation No. 365 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

Pallikkal-Velinallur Road.

367. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to question No. 157 *re* Pallikal-Velinallur road asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th November 1925, will the Government be pleased to state whether the report called for from the Chief Engineer in the matter has been received?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; the Chief Engineer has reported that he has received a detailed report on the subject from the Division Officer which has, however, been referred back to him for further information on certain points.

Filling of an Assistant Secretary's Post.

368. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Office Systems suggested that an Assistant Secretary's place in the Huzur Cutcherry could be dispensed with;

(b) whether an Assistant Secretary's place was left unfilled when Mr. Gnana Joshua retired and when Mr. K. R. Krishna Pillai was acting as Assistant Secretary; and

(c) whether the Government propose to fill up that place now and if they have already filled it up, who the person appointed is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Yes.

(c) Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar has been appointed in the vacancy.

Appointments made in the Office of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

369. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(a) What is the number of appointments in the clerical staff of the Inspectress of Schools and of her Assistants made during the last three years?

(b) How many qualified women were appointed as clerks or typists during the last two years?

(c) How many women had applied for appointment during this period?